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## About Arlington People

On Jan. 26 a celebration will be held at Montvale Plaza for Fr. Paul J. McLaughlin, in honor of his Silver Jubilee. Fr. McLaughlin was a curate at St. Agnes' Parish for several years, and is now pastor of St. Peter's Church, in Lowell.

Friends of Fr. McLaughlin are welcome to attend the evening. For further information, please call Mrs. Harry Ernst or Mrs. John Tyrrell of Arlington.

"Support your presidential candidates now," says Republican State Committeeman Werner Carlson. Carlson is soliciting people who want to work for a Republican candidate in the coming election. Anyone who wishes to work should call Carlson at his home in Winchester.

Dr. N. Richard Archambault has become a member of the Parker Chiropractic Professional Foundation of Fort Worth, Texas. The announcement was made following Dr. Archambault's completion of an educational seminar on advanced chiropractic technique, x-ray, and health services administration.

The foundation provides information on the latest techniques and developments in the chiropractic practice as well as emphasizing major programs of chiropractic education and providing materials for use in public education and practice management.

Dr. Archambault is a graduate of Palmer Chiropractic College in Iowa. He has his office at 63 Mass. ave as part of a group chiropractic practice including Dr. Thomas A. Cordima, and Dr. Charles Yazigian.

Getting his start in broadcasting already is Kevin J. Roberto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milio N. Roberto of 53 Exeter st. He has his own morning radio show at the Salem State College station.

Kevin majors in radio broadcasting and acting and had the lead in the Pulitzer Prize winning play "The Shadow Box," and as the tin man in the "Wizard of Oz" at Salem.

Calling all Irish girls between the ages of 18 and 24. Eileen O'Sullivan of 171 Waverly st. is accepting applicants for Boston's annual Rose of Tralee competition. The winner, who has to be of Irish ancestry, will win a free trip to Ireland and a wardrobe.

Contestants will be judged on poise and graciousness, personality, intelligence, appearance and sensible dress. Mrs. O'Sullivan, past president of St. Brendan's Kerry Club, recently met Irish prime minister John Lynch during his visit to Boston.

Three Arlington piano students will perform Sunday afternoon at the New England Piano Teachers' Senior Recital which will be held at First and Second Church, Marlboro at Berkeley streets, Boston.

Lydia Reed, an AHS senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Reed, will play "Toccata in G Major" by Bach. She studies with Minuetta Kessler of Belmont. Barbara Perozek, a student of Irene C. Reed, will play "Three-Part Invention in C Major" by Bach and "Prelude in F Major" by Chopin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Perozek and attends Junior High East.

Catherine McEwen, an Arlington Catholic senior and student of Mary Arapoff McEwen, will play "Sonata in B Flat Major-Allegro" by Mozart. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McEwen.



## Pops Concert

Maestro Gerald A. Thebodo leads the high school orchestra through rehearsal. AHS students will perform a Pops concert at 8 tonight in the high school's Lowe Auditorium.

## College Boards

# AHS Students Equal Norms

By Tony Doris

1979 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores of Arlington High School students dropped slightly from the previous year, reflecting a national decline that guidance director Walter Devine feels may be bottoming out.

The scores, measured on a scale from 200 to 800, reveal verbal and math capabilities roughly equivalent to state and national levels.

The average verbal score in the United States in 1979 was 427, compared to 416 for Arlington males and 423 for Arlington females. The average math score in the U.S. was 467, compared with Arlington scores of 480 for males and 435 for females.

Because a five- or ten-point difference from national norms on a 600-point scale is not statistically significant, Devine says the frequency distribution of scores is a better indicator of Arlington's standing than the scores alone. The Arlington frequency distribution was slightly better than the national and state distributions in some categories, worse in others.

Sixty percent of the Arlington verbal scores were 400 or above, versus 59 percent statewide and nationally. But whereas 60 percent of the Arlington and national math scores were 400 or above, the state figure was 71 percent.

As shown in the chart, a greater percentage of students statewide and nationally scored 500 and above and 600 and above than in Arlington.

At the top of the scale, in the 700 and above category, the Arlington distribution in math was the same as the state and national distributions, with three percent of the students scoring in that range. Two percent of the Arlington students tested got verbal scores of 700 and above, compared to one percent nationally and statewide.

For at least the fifth consecutive year in Arlington, male math scores were significantly above female scores. In 1979 male math scores averaged 45 points

above female scores. Verbal scores in Arlington have seen-sawed over the past few years, with no male-female trend indicated.

Devine says the difference between male and female scores may diminish as Chapter 622, a state anti-discrimination law, takes hold.

He predicts male and female SAT scores will improve in two to four years in Arlington as the result of greater emphasis on standardized testing in many grades. Devine says the recently begun program of administering California Achievement Tests (CATs) in grades one to six, eight and ten, will leave students better adapted to testing atmosphere and give them better testing skills and a more positive attitude toward testing.

"It's like swimming," says college board supervisor Mora Rallings, "the more you do it, the better you are at it."

Devine says the CATs also give the School Department information on individual students and let the department know how it's doing in teaching certain concepts.

Devine says SAT scores also should rise as a result of minimum competency testing starting during the 1980-81 school year and with the start of a basic skills improvement program for students who don't meet minimum standards established by the community.

In six to eight years there should be improvement throughout the nation, says Devine, as all school systems adopt minimum competency testing.

Devine says several factors have contributed to the national and local SAT score declines. He feels that because many colleges are accepting high school students with lower scores than they did in the past, students are discouraged from retaking the exam to lift their scores.

Devine says, for example, that a student will feel that since a friend with relatively low scores has been accepted to a college, there's no need to bother retaking the SAT.

Also contributing to the decline, Devine says, is the myth that everyone must attend college. Youths for whom college might not be the best option are taking SATS, says Devine, pulling down the average. "This is the reason on the frequency distribution that (Arlington meets) national and Massachusetts norms on scores of 400-plus, but (has) many students below 400."

Parental example is an important factor too, says Devine. "Kids that see their parents read more, and kids who read more do better," he says. He also feels parental expectations in many cases aren't high enough.

Arlington schools serve students of a variety of ethnic backgrounds, for many of whom English was not the first language, Devine says. He adds that such students may do well in the math but poorly in the verbal portions of SATS.

Devine says the high school renovation project has had no effect on SAT scores.

Sixty-eight percent of the high school's 558 1979 graduates went on to post-secondary institutions. Of that 68 percent, says Devine, 51 percent went to four-year colleges, 17 percent to two-year colleges or professional schools.

Devine says 68 percent is a slight drop over the past few years, "due to the economy and in many instances better preparation to go directly into work."

In 1978, Arlington's highest per-

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## Metroguide Ends

Metroguide, the Boston-suburban cultural guide which has been appearing in this newspaper, has ceased publication. Last week's was the final issue.

## 6 Applicants

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Deadline for the amended applications for the town's first cable television license is Jan. 28.

Six companies filed initial applications and went through the screening which involved interviews conducted by the Selectmen's CATV Advisory Committee chaired by Philip McCarthy.

After completion of the interviews, the committee prepared for Selectmen a report of system characteristics which spells out what the town will require from the licensee. Based on this report, which Selectmen refined and adopted, the applicants have 30 days in which to amend their applications.

McCarthy says that the next step is for the Selectmen to hold a public hearing for input from the public or applicants. The advisory committee, meanwhile, will be reviewing the amended applications and preparing a report for Selectmen.

The committee's evaluation will include such criteria as past performance, ownership, funding, services and programming. McCarthy hopes that their report will be completed by early mid-March.

The Selectmen then will have the option of awarding the license to one of the applicants or awarding it to none. They must act within 18 months of the start of the process, which will be August. (In towns of less than 50,000 persons the process must be completed within 12 months.)

McCarthy says that as he reads the state regulations the Selectmen will have to comment on why they chose the applicant that they did. If they were to reject all of the applicants, they would have to give reason for this action.

If all were to be turned down in order that the town could become an applicant in a second round of applications, McCarthy says he thinks this would not serve any purpose and would involve the town in litigation.

Under the town by-laws there is a

provision that would allow the town to hold the cable TV license itself; however, McCarthy says he does not know of any community that has chosen to do this.

He says he does not know for sure why the town decided not to file an application itself, but he knows that the former cable advisory committee recommended against getting into it.

He said that some of the committee's reasons were the same as recently given by Winchester's cable advisory committee when it looked into the matter:

Uncertainty of profits; considerable length of time to recover initial investment; high initial capital outlay; lack of expertise in building, operating and maintaining a system; and the town meeting structure which makes it impossible for rapid response to capitalization needs.

McCarthy also questions how a community could grant a license objectively when the community itself is one of the applicants. In that case, he thinks the license authority should be with the state cable commission.

Based on the figures which have been given to the advisory committee by the applicants, they anticipate making an investment of \$1.5 to \$2 million. Based on their subscription rates it could be eight or nine years before they get a real return on investment, according to McCarthy.

The six companies which filed in Arlington are American Cable Communications (subsidiary of American Alarm & Communications of Winchester; Arlington Cablesystems Corp. (subsidiary of American Cablesystems Corp. of Boston); Community Cablevision of Arlington Inc. (subsidiary of Adams-Russell Co. of Waltham);

Continental Cablevision of Mass. Inc. (subsidiary of Continental Cablevision Inc. of Boston); Menotomy Cable Associates of Arlington; and Warner Cable Corp. (subsidiary of Warner Communications Inc. of New York).



**LOST KITTEN**—This female tiger kitten has been living at The Advocate office for a week in hopes that her owners would be looking for her. But she has learned that some other kittens have been found in the area, possibly all abandoned from the same litter. She is friendly and playful and needs a good home.

## Short Of Funds

# Towns Will be Unable To Pay For Fuel Costs

The town will pursue filing of legislation to help communities which will be unable to pay for fuel and utility increases.

Town Manager Donald Marquis told Selectmen that Arlington will run out of money for energy by March. He estimates that the town will be short \$250,000 - \$300,000 for oil, natural gas, electricity and gasoline.

Noting that Arlington is not alone with this problem, Marquis explained that the real problem is that under the town meeting form of government the communities cannot spend additional money without authorization.

Some towns may have enough money in their reserve funds, but Arlington does

not. Marquis said that even if the annual Town Meeting were to vote additional funds for the current fiscal year, the town could not spend the money until seven days after the meeting ends, which was in June last year.

Marquis said that the only way the town can proceed is through special legislation which would allow towns to spend money in anticipation of town meeting action. "Short of legislation we would be powerless," he said.

Marquis will pursue filing of legislation with the Mass. League of Cities and Towns. If that group does not take action Selectmen will contact Arlington's legislators.



## Another Winter

Leonard Collins in his column on the editorial page writes about this Robbins Farm site in the old days before the Brackett School was built. This flooded basketball court was the farm's skating rink for kids in this section of the Heights.



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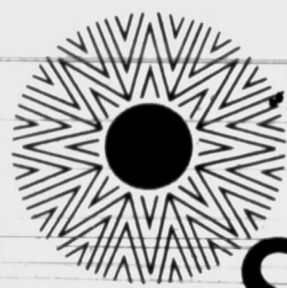
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Jan. 22, fishwitch (haddock fillet on a bun), mixed vegetables, fresh crispy apple, brownie, milk.

Jan. 23, milk.  
Jan. 24, turkey salad roll, potato sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 25, cheese pizza, dy-no-mite bar, milk.

#### Junior High

Daily: pizza, cold cut subs, tuna rolls, assorted Sandwiches, and chef's salad.

Jan. 21, grilled cheese sandwich, coleslaw or fruit or juice, milk.

Jan. 22, hamburger in a bun, french fried potatoes or lettuce & tomato slices or fruit, milk.

Jan. 23, American chop suey, french bread, vegetables or tossed salad or fruit or juice, milk.

Jan. 24, haddock fillet on a bun, potato puffs or coleslaw or fruit or juice, milk.

Jan. 25, variety day also shredded lettuce or fruit or juice, milk.

#### Senior High

Daily: pizza, cold cut subs, tuna rolls, assorted sandwiches and chef's salad.

Jan. 21, grilled cheese sandwich.

Jan. 22, hamburger in a bun.

Jan. 23, American chop suey, french bread.

Jan. 23, haddock fillet on a bun.

Jan. 25, variety day.

### Benefit Skiing

Skiers are needed to participate in the second annual Cross Country Ski-a-thon for Mentally Retarded People to be held on Feb. 10. The Ski-a-thon will be a state fundraising event organized by the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC) and will be held in several selected sites throughout Massachusetts. Registration forms and information will be available from the MARC office in Waltham.

### ★ AHS

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centage ever, 77 percent, went to post-secondary schools.

Of the 32 percent who did not go on to post-secondary schools in 1979, 30 percent went directly to work and two percent went into the armed services.

Devine says 1979 graduates were accepted at competitive schools as Amherst, Smith, Wheaton, Mount Holyoke and Wellesley Colleges and Cornell, Harvard, Columbia, Clark, Tufts and Yale Universities, the Universities of

Chicago and Michigan an-M.I.T.

The largest chunk of AHS graduates, 34, went to Northeastern University, says Devine, ostensibly because the state of the economy lends more importance to Northeastern's co-op program which gives students experience in their fields.

Twenty-nine AHS graduates went to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; 14 went to Boston College.

### Registration

Residents may register to vote for the Presidential Primary at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday and Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### SAT SCORES

Year	Arlington				U.S.	
	Verbal		Math		Verbal	Math
	Male	Female	Male	Female		
1979	416	423	480	435	427	467
1978	428	423	489	434	429	468
1977	414	446	473	455	429	470
1976	411	411	484	432	431	472
1975	433	416	492	447	434	472

### FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS

Scores	Arlington		Massachusetts		U.S.	
	V	M	V	M	V	M
700 <sup>+</sup>	2	3	1	3	1	3
600 <sup>+</sup>	5	11	7	14	7	15
500 <sup>+</sup>	21	36	25	39	26	40
400 <sup>+</sup>	60	60	59	71	59	60
Percentage of students						



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## Town Services

### Spending Priority Survey To Be Tested Next Week

A survey of spending and budget priorities of residents will be pre-tested next week, with random sampling of 3,000 residents planned for the first week in February.

The survey has been designed by MIT staff and the Finance and Budgetary Task Force of the Committee on Service Priorities, a citizen effort funded by federal monies to determine what human services are offered now, other ways in which they can be provided, and how residents would prefer to spend town funds.

The two parts of the survey on spending priorities will be mailed to a total of 3,000 homes accompanied by a report on the town's budget and spending over the past 10 years.

Respondents, who will remain anonymous, will be able to indicate if they would spend more or less for specific areas of town government, what changes they think should be made in specific budgets, and what programs within certain departments are important to them in terms of funding.

There will be a chance for respondents to say how they feel about town programs and services, and finally there will be general questions about the respondents, such as age and income bracket, length of residence, size of household and education. The 3,000 in the sample will be chosen randomly from various lists of residents.

One of the surveys will be pre-tested at a place where numbers of people go, possibly a supermarket. This survey and the second one will both be tested by task force members on friends.

After the testing is done the MIT staff and task force will review the questions, the difficulty or confusion respondents had, then rewrite and review the surveys again.

Residents who receive a survey will be asked to complete it within two weeks. A stamped envelope will be provided. A response of 25 to 30 percent is hoped for.

Computer analysis of the results will take a week, then the results will be made public.

While the survey work is going on, the Task Force To Study Human Service Needs is proceeding with an inventory of human service agencies, services and costs.

The intent of the project was authorized by Selectmen, is to help service agencies and the town face budget pressures and possible needs for service cuts.

## Town Hall Roundup

### Park Ave. Light

A warrant article will be drafted for the Town Meeting for installation of a light on Park Avenue at Florence in the event that Selectmen decide to go ahead with a light.

According to a preliminary report by Community Safety director Robert Blomquist, a light could cost \$30,000. He will have a final report for Monday's Selectmen's meeting.

Study of the light was initiated by parents. Blomquist has been told that 70 to 80 children cross from the east side of Park Avenue to Dallen School.

Blomquist said the state would not allow installation of a flashing light and pedestrian-activated stop. A pad that would be activated by vehicles would be allowed.

A traffic count and report of the two-year accident rate would have to be made to the state which might not approve the light anyway.

### Condo Control

Selectmen have directed Town Counsel John Maher to draft a warrant article which would require a special permit from the town before an apartment can be converted into condominiums.

Legislation allowing the town to do this would be necessary. Maher said it depends how much authority the legislature would be willing to give the town. Newton had special legislation passed giving the aldermen the power to give special permits for conversion.

Maher said his view of the home rule amendment is that the legislature has to vote something from the town up or down, but this is not what happens. The outcome would depend on the "clout" the town has with the legislature, he said.

### Schwamb Mill Loan

A \$25,000 loan from federal funds has been voted by the Selectmen and Town Manager for The Old Schwamb Mill. The funds will be used for repairs and costs related to its property on Old Mystic Street.

The Fowle-Reed-Wyman House, which is on the National Register of

Historic Places, is expected to be sold by the mill, with proceeds to be used as an endowment fund for the mill. The loan would be repaid at that time.

### Tsongas Support

The town has received a letter from Sen. Paul Tsongas which relates to his contacts with federal agencies about getting a loan for the town to build a new police station. Tsongas said he would consider filing legislation if assistance cannot be found.

### DPW Commended

Selectmen and the Town Manager expressed their appreciation for the good job Public Works crews do. Selectman chairman Robert Havern said that last week when it was windy he observed Arlington crews stacking empty trash barrels inside each other, while in Cambridge barrels were blowing around the streets.

The manager added that he has seen Arlington's crews pick up trash that has fallen out around barrels.

### Water St. Restaurant

The developer of the proposed restaurant for Water Street will meet Selectmen in executive session next week. A meeting scheduled for this week was cancelled. A lease between the town, which owns the former power station, and John DeVincent is still being negotiated.

### Dog Complaint

The owner of the German shepherd kept at the Citgo gas station at 1165 Mass. ave. will be notified that the barking dog is a nuisance which should be remedied.

### Park Commissioners

Selectmen have approved the recommendation s by the Town Manager of the reappointment of Donald K. Mahoney, 36 Coolidge rd., and the appointment of Donald Vitters, 23 Draper ave., to three-year terms on the Park and Recreation Commission through Dec. 14, 1982.

## Warrant Closes Monday; May 5 Meeting Voted

The warrant for the spring Town Meeting closes on Monday with articles due to the Selectmen's office by 8 p.m. However, it will open again from March 3 to 10 for a May 5 Special Town Meeting.

That meeting was voted by Selectmen this week for the purpose of dealing with the proposed combined elderly housing and community safety facility project at Mystic and Summer streets.

The board voted to seek a transfer of funds from the Finance Committee to pay for preparation and distribution of the special warrant and other related costs. Selectman Robert Murray voted against the special meeting, expressing his concern with having a special meeting within a short regular Town Meeting.

The annual meeting will not be starting until April 28 because of the March presidential primary election and Patriots' Day. The meeting should end at least a week before the end of the June 30 fiscal year.

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# Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

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## Collins' Corner by Leonard Collins

### Safe Ice



For those who today rarely go coasting or skating or take exercise in any winter sports, this winter has been wonderful when one takes a peek at the fine weather. Here is a photo (see other page) taken many years ago at Robbins Farm. The scene brings back great memories to many kids who are parents today.

This property was eventually owned by the Town of Arlington by an act of the Town Meeting. For about 100 years it was known as the property of the Robbins family. Our Recreation Department took it over and for years has done a fine job of promoting recreational activities for folks in that part of the town.

Across the street is the Brackett School. Just up the hill opposite Eastern Avenue is the stand pipe, and across the street one of our fire stations.

We show the photo of this small rink that was provided by our Park Department. Many parents were delighted with the location as they had no fear of any ice cracking up, and thus no danger to their kiddoes.

In nice weather it was a basketball court, and over on the side one can see a few seats, and those sitting on them on a clear day can see all over Greater Boston and the City of Boston itself. Today on a nice day the view is one of the finest in this section of the state.

Over in another corner of this property is a baseball field. Last year many slides and recreational set-ups were installed. The Park Department over the years had made this property a fine place for kiddoes of all ages to enjoy much pleasure. The school across the street was named for a former governor of our state, the Honorable John Quincy Adams Brackett who was a native of our town and resided on Pleasant Street. This section of Arlington has grown very fast over the years and some very fine homes are in this section.

Now it is natural for homeowners this winter to be very happy with the weather, especially the lack of snow, and it might be mentioned that it is the mildest, especially talking about snow, in almost 50 years. So, of course the majority of folks are very happy with the lack of snow in town, but let's take a peek at the other side of the "street" and feel a bit sorry for the retailers who buy very heavily winter merchandise and then see it still on their shelves.

This year our skating rink has been busier than every, as that has been the place to try out those new skates that arrived on Christmas. But at the writing of this column still be very careful of skating on our ponds, especially Spy because over the years some very sad drownings have occurred because of ambitious skaters who just couldn't wait.

So try to get a reservation for a spin around our nice safe rink up on Summer Street and be very happy because it's only a very few years that we had nice safe ice. Ask Dad. He'll remember when our ponds were unsafe in January and February, many times.

## Ask The Ombudsman

A forum to discuss questions of citizen interest received by town officials or the Community Ombudsman. Refer your questions to Don Cohen, Ombudsman, at 646-1775.

Q. How can I register to vote?

A. Arlington residents should go to the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Ave., to register to vote. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no need to bring proof of residency or other documents with you when you come to register. The deadline for registering for the April town election is March 19, at 10 p.m. (The clerk's office stays open late on that day). Deadline for the March Primary is Feb. 5.

Q. I worked for a factory that went bankrupt. What happens to the pension fund?

A. The pension fund should be intact and unaffected by the bankruptcy. You should receive benefits whether or not the company you worked for is still in existence. Very rarely some pension fund money is tied up in company stock, which would cause a problem in the event of bankruptcy, but strict state laws regarding the investment of pension fund assets generally assure that such problems do not arise.

If you are a union member, your union is the first place to contact for definite information on the status of your pension fund. The information should also be available from the attorney who handled the bankruptcy case. You can get his or her name by calling the Bankruptcy Court at 223-2937.

## Man About Town

A reader recently lamented our lack of behind-the-scenes tidbits about what's happening with the elections this year. We must be slowing down in our old age, but so far we haven't heard much to write about. Bob Havern, the only Selectman whose seat is up, has no opposition yet.

Of course, that doesn't mean that there isn't some politicking going on. That wouldn't be Arlington. You can be sure some Selectmen were covering themselves with their recent vote to have separation of police and fire studied. At least they can tell the uniformed employees that they were working for them.

You probably wouldn't lose money if you bet that there will be politicking on the renewal of Town Manager Donald Marquis' contract. Some employee groups like to think they can deliver the votes that a candidate needs, and often they get Selectmen candidates, in particular, to take stands on the manager's employment stands usually taken in the privacy of a coffee, not in The Advocate or League of Women Voters interviews. Marquis' three-year contract is running out, and traditionally he has been reappointed by Selectmen before Town Meeting starts.

That means the games should pick up in intensity soon. (For starters, someone will accuse the manager of writing this column.) Board members will pull things out that they have squirreled away and hold these up as his mistakes. There will be employee gripes about morale, talk about a change being good for everyone, and efforts to prove that he is not the man for Arlington.

There's no question that he is not the man for those in town who want to run things themselves and who don't want to have to fight with the manager so often. So, we'll all have to wait and see how much pressure is applied by whom and see how the Selectmen vote.

The Town Manager will continue his meetings with the public for the rest of this month, but if interest doesn't pick up, he will discontinue the Fox and Dallin Library hours in February. The manager is at his Town Hall office every Monday from 9 to 11 for people to drop by. This Monday from 11 to 12 he'll be at Fox. The following Monday from 1 to 2 he'll be at Dallin. In addition, he is meeting with employee groups. When we asked how that was going we found out that the ranking police officers and the manager broke off their meetings because he would not agree to pay them time and a half for meeting him. We didn't think officers' pay was so low that union officials wouldn't even spend a little of their own time for their members.

Transportation for elderly and handicapped, day care after school, alcohol education, playground improvements, energy conservation study are all programs which have been funded by the Town Manager and Selectmen through federal monies. On Feb. 4 a hearing will be held for proposals for next year's funds. If anyone would like to put together a program but needs help, the people at the Town Hall Planning Office will be glad to assist.

The second informational meeting about four major intersections will be held Monday at 8 p.m. Alternative plans for Mass. and Lake, Mass.-Mystic-Pleasant, Mass. and Park, and Mystic and Chestnut will be shown and discussed. Everyone is welcome to take part at the Town Hall.

Just a note for the man who took the wrong raincoat home from the Town Hall Monday night — FinCom chairman Bob O'Neill got left with yours and would be glad to make a trade.

Our picture of skaters on Spy Pond last week should not be taken as encouragement of use of that ice. There have been winter drownings on the pond in the past, and two summer drownings the past two years. For really safe skating stay off the pond and Res, and go to Hills Pond or the rink instead. Families can skate at the rink for two hours every Sunday under a family membership good all ice season. Hills Pond is tested every day and posted, but if you want to take a drill around with you and test your own ice, local officials say that five inches minimum thickness is what they consider safe.

MBTA chairman Robert Foster has sent out a six-page letter discussing the T's budget problems and listing five possible levels of service depending on the funding the agency gets. For starters there is the famous \$300 million budget which was passed which is a 5.3 percent increase over last year's. The only problem with this budget is that Foster said when it was made up that it is not enough. If the system has to live with it the service cuts will include reduced summer timetable starting in March, elimination of student bus routes, end of Saturday and Sunday service, elimination of the Green Line extension to Braintree, end of local service subsidies, and a 67 percent cut in commuter rail.

Not unexpectedly, the service improves as does the funding to a maximum budget of \$375 million, an increase of 31.5 percent, when there is normal service, the extension to Braintree, and increased bus and rapid transit service.

Gov. Edward King has appointed a 10-member MBTA Task Force to identify problem areas with the T's operation and make recommendations to him within 90 days. He probably could have saved a lot of people a lot of time by taking the suggestions from the metropolitan papers and columnists. The problems of the T are no secret. Anyway, one of the task force members is our Director of Planning and Community Development Alan McClellan who was named in his capacity as president of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Another state problem is civil service. Sen. Sam Rotondi is co-chairman of the Special Commission on Civil Service which recently met with members of the Governor's Management Task Force which did the study on how to improve state government. Personnel administration was one of the big areas needing improvement. Task force member Melvyn P. Galin told Rotondi's group that the state "cannot hire effectively, cannot fire, cannot promote, cannot train and cannot plan on any really efficient basis" in personnel management. His group recommended that the top levels of human resources management be strengthened and that most personnel functions be decentralized and given to the communities.

The tally for woodburning stoves for last week in Arlington was four, as residents continue to try to find ways to conserve and save money. Because of rising energy costs Minuteman Tech will not open its swim club until April 2. The pool will be available for adult education and for local high school teams that use it. The school is also making plans to reduce use of the building next December, January and February by adjusting schedules. Similarly, August activities will be limited so that the air conditioning can be turned off in most areas.

A recent study by Honeywell's Energy Management Information Center has calculated, based on 1979 Massachusetts fuel consumption and prices, how much residents can save by turning back their thermostats and at night and when no one is home. A typical household can save from \$96 for gas heat to \$158 for oil heat by turning the heat back 10 degrees days and nights. Nights only would save \$56 to \$97.

Finally, if you're not worried about energy, but about flooding, Civil Defense Director Lt. Philip Canniff has some posters on flood preparedness. The information includes what to do before and after a flood, flash flooding, what to put in an emergency kit and how to purify your water.

## To The Editor

### Child Abuse

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you very much for the attention you gave to the Mystic Valley Chapter of Parents Anonymous in the Jan. 3 "Ask the Ombudsman" column.

The Mystic Valley P.A. Chapter was formed through the efforts of the Child Abuse and Neglect Committee of the Mystic Valley Council for Children. Although P.A. is a "non agency" organization we have maintained a supportive relationship with the group.

We are proud of the quality of service offered by the Mystic Valley P.A. Chapter. We know that parents who need help cannot take advantage of a program they do not know exists. We are continuing in our efforts to publicize P.A., but we need all the help we can get.

On behalf of the Child Abuse Committee, Parents Anonymous and the parents in need who have read your column, thanks once again.

Sincerely,

June Austin  
Community Representative  
Mystic Valley  
Council for Children

### Thank Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter has been sent to Joseph Alessandrini, Administrator, Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home:

Christmas Day of 1979 will be a day that our family will never forget, having spent the day at your facility with our loved ones.

My mother, Gladys Comeau, my mother-in-law, Irene Lanigan, and our aunt Gertrude Travers, all residents of your beautiful home were also very pleased with all the arrangements and having their families with them on this special day. Being together as we were brought much happiness to Gladys, Irene and Gertrude.

Our family extends its thanks to Beth Stratton, Duty Nurse, and her assistants for they were just super.

The turkey dinner with all the fixings was second-to-none and enjoyed by all. Your cook and kitchen staff are to be commended for preparing such an excellent meal.

To your brother Nick and all members of the staff, we want to say many thanks.

In closing, a special thank you to you, Joe, from me, my wife Jean, my sister-in-law, Claire Sullivan, and our aunt, Mildred Crowley, for your generosity and compassion in making our Christmas so pleasant. It was a day that will be remembered by us all.

Gratefully yours,  
Justin Comeau

### Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

The residents of the Jefferson Rest Home wish to thank the members of the Emblem Club for the lovely Christmas gifts they gave.

Special thanks also go to the Elks, Cub Scouts, Pucizio sisters, the First Baptist Church and the Salvation Army.

The generosity shown made the Christmas season a happy one for all those residing at 149 Hillside Ave. A happy new year to all.

The residents and staff

### Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

The family of Elvira DeDominicis would like to express its deep gratitude to the Arlington Rescue Squad and to Dr. Burt Perlmutter and the nurses in the intensive care unit for their life-saving response and compassionate care. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

May this new year bring you all the love and kindness you give to others - you deserve the best.

Gratefully,  
The DeDominicis Family  
16 Lansdowne Rd.

### Dog Droppings

TO THE EDITOR:

TO: Peirce School Area Dog Owners,

The situation involving dog droppings in and around this neighborhood has become totally out of hand. What is more distressing is the fact that unleashed dogs are not totally to blame.

With the construction of the new school playground, including the laying of new sod and play sand, the whole problem seems to have intensified, rather than be controlled as one would hope and expect it to be.

Within 24 hours of the installation of the first small area of sod, 5 or 6 dog deposits could be seen. Teachers at Peirce School are having to send children home for fresh changes of clothes or shoes after accidents happen. It is a filthy and unhealthy situation.

The Playground Renovation Committee, comprised of school parents, worked very hard to acquire the federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant program with which to accomplish this much needed project. They, as well as school principal, teachers, children and neighbors are very disturbed at the lack of disrespect and irresponsibility on the part of some area dog owners.

They are defacing the work of their hard earned tax dollars, whether they are parents of Peirce children or not. We all implore that they do their share in taking more pride in their community.

Disappointed Peirce School Pupils,  
Parents and Residents

## Bulletin Board

Assessors, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Town Hall.  
Selectmen, Jan. 21, 7:15 p.m., Town Hall.

Redevelopment Board, Jan. 21, 8 p.m., Public Meeting, Town Hall Auditorium, Urban System Project, to discuss four intersections.

School Committee, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., Central School.  
ZBA Hearing, Jan. 22, 8 p.m.

### Clarification

Letters to the editor on any subject of interest to Arlington residents are welcome. They should be typed and not exceed 250 words. All letters must be signed with name and address. The name may be withheld on request. Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday.

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to your Thursday, Jan. 10, 1980 article entitled "They're Poor and Sick Fighting the System to Regain Benefits," I wish to make a few comments and corrections.

First, the "Joneses" have both an income and some savings, albeit insufficient. Second, the Joneses did receive notice from the state concerning the termination of their Medicaid and notice from the Social Security Administration in regards to their supposed overpayment.

The problem here is not that the government acted without notice - it did not. The problem is how poor and sick people are supposed to cope with and comprehend the avalanche of forms and notices generated by state and federal bureaucracies. It is a most disturbing problem.

Thirdly, the article describes a "complex" medical coverage situation. Currently, the Joneses are eligible for a Medicaid spenddown, whereby they are responsible for a certain amount of medical costs they incur and the state assumes the remainder. The author's explanation, that the Joneses are trying to attain Medicare eligibility to compensate for the loss of Medicaid, is incorrect. The Medicare premium argument, if accepted by the Administrative Law Judge, would possibly result in SSI eligibility and hence, full Medicaid coverage. As to Medicare, Mr. Jones is currently a Medicare recipient, and Mrs. Jones is ineligible due to her age.

I have made these comments in the interests of accuracy. The important point is that the Joneses and many others like them suffer and will continue to suffer until we develop a rational and comprehensive health care system.

Jack Fisher  
Senior Citizens Law Project  
24 Thorndike St.  
Cambridge

### Olympic Boycott

TO THE EDITOR:

Wouldn't it be a wonderful feeling of regained self-respect if our socialist government in Washington did pull USA out of the Olympic games to be held in USSR, where professional Soviet athletes compete with amateurs?

It would further "tickle me with delight" at the prospect of RCA's NBC network under founder David Sarnoff (CFR member & pal of David Rockefeller's), losing all or a big chunk of that million \$ paid to USSR for exclusive TV broadcasting rights to the Olympic games in Moscow. Think of the Red propaganda we could thus avoid.

How correct was that statesman and patriot, Gov. Meldrim Thomson, when he flew our flag over the N.H. State House at half mast because Comrad Pierre Trudeau, Canadian Prime Minister, repudiated his promise to eschew politics at the Olympic games held in Montreal.

The Taiwan athletes were already here when Trudeau reversed his government's pledge of political non-interference by excluding Formosa's team from competition simply because Red China objected.

Our Marxist government tolerated that disgraceful act making USA appear to be a nation of cowards, devoid of character and principles. Today we reap the rewards of that spineless and craven leadership in our White House.

Sincerely,  
Gerald T. Thompson

### Pro-Life

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week a member of Mass. Organization for Repeal of Abortion Laws (MORAL)—an acronym whose dictionary definition is opposite to the purpose of the organization) criticized the pro-life dance on Jan. 26 at St. Camillus Hall.

She was appalled that we could dance and celebrate the right to life. Of course she was not lamenting that. No more than we were celebrating that women could not "choose" to get an abortion if we are effective in getting a human life amendment passed.

The fact that a woman would want to choose an abortion makes us very sad because that means that her pregnancy is not a cause for joy as it should be.

We abhor the abortion mentality that has come to pass which conditions society to believe that abortion is good and beneficial and bearing children under any but optimum conditions is evil.

The right to life has been qualified. Life must be perfect. Life must be planned and life must be privileged. Otherwise, abort.

So Arlington Right To Life will continue to celebrate life and to respect life in all its stages as a continuum from conception till natural death.

Please join us as we celebrate life on Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Camillus Hall. Call me for ticket information.

In addition, on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in Faneuil Hall, Boston, the millions of unborn who have been sacrificed on this right to choose altar will be memorialized. (Last year 40 percent of all pregnancies ended in abortion.) This service will be followed by a reception in the 5th floor galleries of Boston City Hall.

A bus will leave the Municipal Parking Lot, Arlington Center, at 12:45 p.m. and will return after the reception.

Most Sincerely,  
Irene R. Regan  
20 Pelham Terr.

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## Walnut Court May Be Built As Public Way

An unofficial survey of residents on Walnut court and Walnut street shows the majority favor construction of Walnut court, with almost half of the expense to be paid by the abutters.

At an informal meeting with Selectmen this week, neighbors discussed construction plans and costs. Town Engineer Charles Rinciari said that the street now is 275 feet long and 25 feet wide. In order to construct it, five feet on the southerly side would be taken, then sidewalks and curbing could be installed and the roadbed would be 22 feet wide.

Estimated cost is \$29,542. The abutters would pay \$13,534, while the town would pay \$16,009. Abutters living on corners would pay only half of the total for their frontage.

It was explained to the residents that if they want to proceed formally with street acceptance the Selectmen will schedule a hearing. Cost estimates given at that time will be firm.

The Selectmen would have to vote to go ahead with the work as would the Finance Committee which has not supported any street construction projects for a couple of years. Town Meeting would have to appropriate the funds.

If the street is constructed overnight parking, which is allowed only on private ways, would not be permitted. The assessment to abutters could be financed over two to 20 years.

Deadline for news copy for The Advocate is 4 p.m. Monday. Copy should be brought or mailed to 4 Water st. News items may be dropped through the front door slot. It would be appreciated if releases would be typed.

## Essay Contest

### \$1000 Prize Offered

Arlington Right to Life Inc. will sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship essay contest starting Tuesday, the seventh anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion on demand.

The subject is "Why The United States Needs A Human Life Amendment To The Constitution." To be eligible, contestants must be grade 9-12 high school students who are Arlington residents.

Entries must be received by mid-

### Auditions Set For 'Mack, Mabel' At Friends Of Drama

Open auditions for "Mack and Mabel" will be held at the Arlington Friends of the Drama Theatre, 22 Academy st., tonight at 7:30 and this Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

This story of Mack Sennett and Mabel Norman at the beginning of the moving pictures including the famous "Keystone Cops" and the "Sennett Bathing Beauties" will be presented by the Friends April 10-20.

All characters must have good acting, singing, and dancing abilities. Principals and supporting characters all have some solos.

### Pops Concert At AHS Tonight At 8

The Arlington High School Department of Performing Arts will give a Pops Concert tonight at 8 in Lowe Auditorium.

The concert will feature the AHS Harmonies and Concert Choir under the direction of Andrew Smith, the Symphonic Band directed by Pasquale Tassone, and the Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Gerald Theobdo.

Broadway musicals, spirituals and big band sounds of the 40s and 50s will be featured.

night, April 4, 1980. The winner of the \$1000 cash scholarship award will be notified on Mothers' Day, May 11, 1980. The presentation of the award will be made at a special ceremony in the month of May.

#### Contest Rules

1. To be eligible, entrants must be Arlington residents currently enrolled in school from grades 9 through 12.
2. Subject: "Why The United States Needs A Human Life Amendment To The Constitution."
3. Length of essay must be 500 words or less.
4. Any references must be documented by footnotes.
5. Contest entries must be sent to: Arlington Right to Life, Inc., 20 Pelham terr., Arlington, 02174 and postmarked no later than midnight, April 4, 1980.
6. Entries must be typewritten and double spaced using one side of paper.
7. All entries become property of Arlington Right to Life Inc. and will not be returned.
8. Immediate family members of Arlington Right to Life board members are ineligible.
9. Decision of judges will be final.
10. Winner will be notified on Mothers' Day, May 11, 1980.

### Theater Company To Give Scenes

A free program of scenes from five contemporary American plays will be performed by the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble on Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Museum of Our National Heritage, 33 Marrett rd., Lexington.

The 12 actors will do scenes from Tennessee Williams, William Saroyan, James Hogan, John Guare and Woody Allen.



Skater

Misty is getting impatient waiting for Patience Terry to finish helping Paula and Gina Albertazzi with their skates. Misty, an eight-year-old West Highland Terrier, follows her mistress everywhere, including over the ice at Hills Pond.

## Parent Council To Meet 21st At High School

The Parent Advisory Council, a program formed to give parents information on Arlington High School events, will hold its fourth meeting on Monday in the A building library at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will start off with an open discussion. Following that, the student privilege policy will be looked over. Also on the agenda will be a curriculum update, discussing current items, and the freshman social.

Following that will be an update on construction news and a planned tour of the construction areas. Next on the agenda will be the discussion of a possible development of sub-committees, including curriculum and school policy with discipline.

Following that will be an explanation of this year's 8th grade orientation, and, finally, a volunteer will be chosen for the Minimum Competency Committee.

The past Parent Advisory Council meetings have been successful. All present members, as well as new members, are welcome to attend.

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### Lisa Jo Turnbull Is The Bride Of Richard Wormwood

Lisa Jo Turnbull became the bride of Richard William Wormwood in an Oct. 20 ceremony held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Lexington.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Turnbull of Arlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wormwood of Watertown.

Rev. Frank Weiskel officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Sheraton Lexington Motor Inn.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her parents, wore a Bianchi gown with Queen Anne neckline and small floral lace appliques on the bodice, cuffs and hem. She carried white stephanotis, baby's breath and ivy.

Elaine Hache of Mansfield was matron of honor. She wore a blue qiana blouson gown with long sleeves and slit skirt.

Similarly dressed in pink, and carrying pink and white carnations and baby's breath, were the bride's sister, Dana Turnbull, Nancy Flynn and Karen Smith.

Edmund Friel of Lexington was best man. Ushers were Stephen, Michael and George Friel.

Kara Kelley, the bride's cousin, was guest book attendant. The couple went to Daytona Beach, Fla., on their honeymoon and now live in Burlington. Mrs. Wormwood is a 1972 graduate of Arlington High School and a 1974 graduate of Middlesex Community College. She is a chair-car operator with Armstrong Ambulance. Her husband graduated from Watertown High School and is a mechanic in Belmont.

### Patricia Teeven Is Engaged To John F. Bragg

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Teeven, 15 Governor rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to John Francis Bragg, son of Mrs. Catherine K. Bragg of Arlington and Ralph J. Bragg of Townsend.

Miss Teeven is a 1976 graduate of Arlington High School and is employed as a typist at Blue Cross Blue Shield. Her fiancé, a 1973 graduate of Arlington High School, is employed at Ralph Gerbands Co. in Arlington as a supervisor.

A fall wedding is planned.

### Lyons 1st Child

Christine Noyes was born Jan. 3, at Winchester Hospital to Robin Noyes Lyons and Charles Lyons of 148 Wollaston ave. She is their first child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons of Arlington and Barbara Noyes Moser of Danvers.

### Hartwell Girl

Thomas and Mary Hartwell of W. Peabody announce the birth of their second child, Jennifer Mary, on Dec. 31. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Jr. of Arlington and Mrs. M. Lois Hartwell of Waltham.

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## School Committee News

### Closing Dates

The School Committee last Tuesday approved the following end-of-school-year calendar for high school seniors:

- May 15: last class day and period 8 exam.
- May 16: exam period 2 and 3.
- May 19: exam period 4 and 5.
- May 20: exam period 6 and 7.

### Budget Calendar

Asst. Supt. for Business Jerry Houghton presented the committee with a revised schedule for completing work on the school budget.

By Houghton's schedule, all sub-committees will report to the School Committee on Jan. 22, about two weeks later than planned. The final School Committee review will take place Feb. 12.

A public hearing and final vote are set for Feb. 26, with a special meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. to be followed by a regular meeting from 9-11.

Houghton said that with Town Meeting not starting until April 28, the budget process would be less hurried than it was last year.

### GED Study

Guidance director Walter Devine told the committee that the high school would be participating in a study on the reliability, validity and credibility of General Educational Development (GED) tests.

The tests have been used since 1942 by adults seeking high school diplomas. The tests measure "lasting outcomes and skills associated with a high school education," according to state education commissioner Gregory R. Anrig.

Devine said 45-60 students would be chosen randomly, and of that group he said he hoped 30 would volunteer to take the test.

### Renovation

High School administrative headmaster Thomas Reis said an evaluation was underway of which rooms would be needed for the transfer of students from A to B building.

He noted that there were organizational problems related to the moving of furniture and that it was probably unrealistic to expect the transfer to occur in February.

It was noted that vandalism at the high school had been unusually bad last weekend. The theft of tools from a crane, which costs \$2,000 a day to hire, kept the crane out of service for three hours.

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Rev. John H. Flynn

### The Woman's Club To Host Priest

On Jan. 25 the Arlington Woman's Club will host Rev. John H. Flynn at their meeting at First Baptist Church. His topic will be "Preserving Our Christian Values."

Rev. Flynn is associate pastor at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Wellesley. He formerly served at St. Joseph's Church in Medford, Matignon High School and St. Catherine's Church in Westford.

A dessert hour at 12:30 will precede the program. Dessert will be hosted by the Religion Committee chaired by Mrs. Humphrey Sullivan, with June A. Burns, Mrs. Charles Y. Humphrey, Dorothea

Johnson, Mrs. Andrew A. Magnus, Mrs. J.A. Pierce, Mrs. William J. Shields and Mary Elizabeth Smith.

Music will be provided by Mrs. Gertrude Charter, soloist of Pleasant Street Congregational Church, on the autoharp. President Mrs. Walter Bullock will conduct the meeting.

### Chaplin Movie To Be Shown Tomorrow

The movie "City Lights" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library, 175 Mass. Ave., at 2:30 and 7:30 in the classic film series "Oldies and Goodies."

"City Lights" is a melancholy and beautiful story which revolves around the lonely little tramp's love for a blind girl. It was written, produced and directed by Charlie Chaplin, who wrote the musical score as well as starring in the film.

### AARP To Meet Friday Afternoon

The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1255 meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church Hall Friday at 1:30.

The program will be given by Stephen Norton with a slide talk on the future of the telephone company.

The health clinic will be at 12:30.

### Scout Troop 313 Plans Breakfast

Troop 313 of the St. James Parish Boy Scouts will have their third annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:45. This is the only fund-raising activity for the troop which is planning to purchase camping equipment with the proceeds.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event on "Super Bowl" morning. Tickets will be available at the door.

### Sr. Film Series Tuesday To Show 'Macbeth,' 'Nana'

A film entertainment series for Arlington seniors sponsored by the Fox-y Folks Senior Group will present several films on Tuesday. "Helen Keller" and "Nana," the story of a French retired woman, will be shown at the Fox Branch Library at 10 a.m. Guests are also invited to join in a brown bag lunch. Coffee will be provided.

At 1 p.m., the Orson Welles version of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" will be viewed. All seniors and their guests are invited to attend these free presentations.

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# Jimmy's Receives Permit From Redevelopment Board

Old Arlington Restaurant Inc. Monday night received the Redevelopment Board's unanimous approval of plans to expand the building and parking at Jimmy's Steer House. The granting of the expansion permit now rests with the Zoning Board of Appeals and or the building inspector.

In approving the expansion designs, the Redevelopment Board required the fulfillment of conditions dealing with drainage, delivery vehicle access, parking lot design and other potential problems the board sought to prevent.

The \$450,000 expansion project would include a 40 by 40 foot addition squaring out the L-shaped restaurant and the demolition of the abandoned gas station next door, providing more parking space.

Planning Director Alan McClennen said at the meeting's start that Old Arlington had made design changes suggested last week by the board, including increasing the number of parking spaces for handicapped from two to three, increasing the total of parking

spaces from 44 to 47 and changing the location of the trash compactor. Other revisions dealt with providing access from the rear door to the parking lot and building a sunken catch basin to prevent water runoff onto abutting property.

McClennen said seating had been reduced to widen aisles, as requested by the building inspector. The revised plan also raised the retaining wall behind the restaurant to further screen abutters from the sight of trucks and the compactor.

McClennen said Old Arlington could either ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to reduce the number of parking spaces the by-law requires or appeal to the building inspector to reinterpret parking regulations so that they apply to the addition, but not to the original structure which was built before the by-laws went into effect.

After the Redevelopment Board approved the design, board member Philip J. McCarthy initiated discussion of conditions on which to base the approval.

The first of the unanimously-voted conditions was that a detailed plan be submitted for approval of the town engineer.

The second condition was that the Hobbs court side of the restaurant be reserved for delivery vehicles, and that rule be posted and enforced. McCarthy said a delivery shouldn't be permitted if a truck would be blocking passage to Hobbs court, but board member Thomas W. Falwell questioned the practicality of McCarthy's suggestion. McCarthy responded that a show cause hearing could be called to make sure the rule was being enforced.

The third condition was that design of parking lot entrances, exits and traffic flow be subject to the approval of the Planning and Community Safety Departments.

Under the fourth condition, no employee parking would be permitted on private property in the neighborhood without the property owner's consent.

The board also required that plantings

be encouraged and maintained and pavement discouraged at the site. It was asked that Frank P. Wright, director of Properties and Natural Resources, be consulted as to which kinds of trees would survive in a parking lot that would be piled with salted snow.

## Firefighters OK '79-80 Contract

With Tuesday's approval of a FY 1980 contract by firefighters, the town has settled for the current year with all of its unions.

The firefighters accepted raises of 5 percent effective last July and 2 percent effective Jan. 1. The raises voted for all town employees last year at Town Meeting amount to 6 percent.

Firefighters also won a change in the definition of vacation, the same eight percent night differential that policemen have, and a \$200 clothing allowance.

According to Town Counsel John Maher the uniformed employees, police and fire, are the only ones who have not accepted the merit raise system.

All employee contracts expire at the end of the fiscal year. Maher has begun negotiations with the unions for the next year's contracts.

Maier says this was the first year since the start of binding arbitration that the town was able to settle with all of its unions without going to arbitration.

## Orientation For Eighth Graders Is Tuesday Night

Arlington eighth grade students and their parents are invited to an orientation meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Otis Junior High School. At this meeting options for attendance at Arlington High School, Minuteman Tech and non-public, high schools will be discussed.

Representatives of Arlington High and Minuteman will give talks which will be followed by a question and answer period. Counselors and department heads from the high school will also be available.

## Board Approves Housing Committee

Selectmen have named the first representatives to the new Fair Housing Committee and will present a resolution endorsing the program to the Town Meeting.

Named to the committee are John Laymon, Maejim Fields, Albano Ponte, Warren Ramirez, Rev. Charles Grady, Wilson Henderson, Joanne DeVeaux, Peg Capron, Barbara LaRoche, Lynne

Phillips Heard and Sharon Stevens. The board hopes to add to the committee, and specifically seeks a representative of the Arlington Housing Authority and an apartment owner or developer.

The committee will assist the Fair Housing Officer in developing a fair housing policy and implementing a program to guarantee equal housing opportunity in Arlington in accordance with state and federal laws which prohibit discrimination.

## Leadership Is Jaycees' Topic For Meeting 24th

Jack Bove, former Dale Carnegie Program instructor, will speak at the Arlington Jaycees' general membership meeting at the Fox Library on Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.

Bove will speak on leadership development. He has a degree in economics from Boston College and an MBA from Babson. Bove taught the Dale Carnegie Program, a motivational program for salespeople which emphasizes the importance of a positive attitude, for two years.



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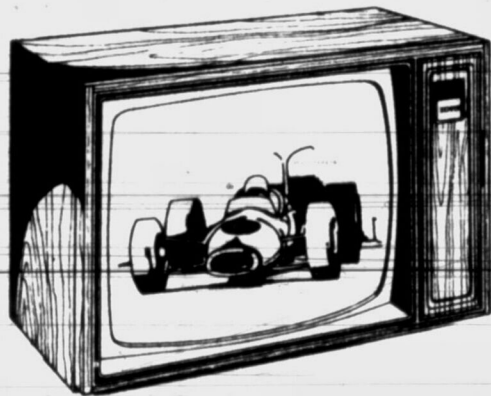
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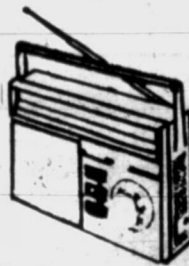


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## Cites Mismanagement

## Dr. Ernst Sees Economic Change

Economist Dr. Harry Ernst, president of H.B. Ernst & Co., recently predicted changes for the 1980s. Priorities will be reversed, making private fixed investment the bellweather, not federal deficit spending, says Dr. Ernst.

"Across-the-board tax cuts will be outmoded. Companies that increase fixed investment will be rewarded by lower taxes. Employees who contribute to lower wages-value added ratios will also receive tax credits as rewards for their higher productivity — which, as a matter of fact, will contribute to higher corporate cash flows, now politically anathema," he says.

Last year Ernst included among his forecasts the high inflation and a recession in late 1979.

He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and was economics professor at Tufts University for 15 years, heading the Institute for Economic Research. His works have been published in the Harvard Business Review, Journals of Opinion Research, American Statistical Assn. and others.

As a consultant for the Federal Reserve Board Dr. Ernst designed the last major change in the Industrial Production Index. Since resigning from Tufts in 1965 the Arlington resident has been a consultant to financial and industrial firms while continuing research.

Over the past 15 years Dr. Ernst has developed two computer models which have produced successful track records. The first is a mathematical model of the U.S. stock and bond markets which indicates the likely direction of stock prices and interest rates for the next six months to one year. This model predicted the recent break in stock and bond prices.

The second model is a supply-side simulation of the nation's economy which forecasts inflation, real economic growth and unemployment rates for a year ahead. The economics findings are used to confirm those of the math model.

At a recent meeting of the Greater Boston Association of Financial Planners, Dr. Ernst introduced his new supply and demand economic model which has been producing accurate forecasts of unemployment and inflation for the period 1960-1979.

For the near term, he predicts that cost-push inflation is still in effect "as the Treasury and Federal Reserve work at cross-purposes."

He believes that political courage does not now exist to cool inflation cyclically, via a real credit crunch and



tight fiscal policy. Therefore a mild recession, barring energy crises, is a prospect. His financial model is predicting that stocks and bonds will rally starting next quarter, accompanied by moderately rising bond prices.

Looking into the 1980-85 period, if the procedures and misconceptions of the 70s are continued, Dr. Ernst's economic model shows that after short term improvement "the 1983-85 period will show zero real growth, double digit inflation and rising unemployment."

"This will be so no matter what fiscal and monetary policies are initially followed, since each has lost most of its power, in carrying out what is called 'demand management.'"

Dr. Ernst concludes that stagnant, yet inflationary, conditions will not be acceptable to an economically literate minority. "That factor, considerations of the soundness of the dollar and international financial markets, will necessitate a turning of attention toward the supply-side of the economy," he says. Thus, the changes he predicts for the 80s.

Dr. Ernst points out the bad record of economic management in this country since 1968 which had led to three recessions and three bursts of high inflation. He attributes this mismanagement to several economic misconceptions which are shared by experts and the voting public:

"Inflation is basically controlled by the money supply; there is no relation between corporate cash flow and labor productivity; demand creates its own supply; corporate profits and fixed investment rates are adequate; and the federal government should have

priorities in allocating, to itself, whatever share of the national income it chooses."

These misconceptions had led to a loop between high inflation and unemployment during the past 10 years, he says, and the hoax that real wages for production workers are lower now than in December 1972.

The fact is that the money supply controls only the demand side. The corporate cash flow to value added ratio is inversely related to 'waged-value added, since other costs to value added are constant. "But higher wage to value added ratios — mean lower labor productivity. Therefore, for increased labor productivity, it is necessary to raise corporate cash flow (and profits.)"

Also, he says that federal government stimulated demand does not create its own supply, since the U.S. economy has just encountered a capacity ceiling for the fourth time since 1965. "Such collisions always have led to pronounced slowdowns or recessions."

He says, additionally the seemingly high fixed investment rates, financed to a great extent by credit, don't get the job done anymore since capital productivity has declined sharply.

"Finally, since the size of the federal budget is decided first, private fixed investment becomes the residual of the economic process, leading to chronic underinvestment. The government should set a private investment target first and then see what percent is left for federal spending."

"From a planning standpoint, current federal fiscal procedures are completely backwards and mean that the U.S. has no anti-inflation policy, leaving the dollar to sink in a sea of confusion."

## Fox Library Sets Magic Show, Film

Children are invited to a magic show at the Fox Library this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Starring the Magic Trio, several new tricks never shown before will be done. The group includes Jeremy Hay, Daniel Lewis, and Daniel Berkowitz.

The Wednesday after-school movies on Wednesdays are now being shown at 2 p.m. Next week's movies are "The Three Robbers" and "The Magic Fiddle."

## Federal Funds

## Robbins Library Receives Grant For Senior Services Expansion

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners recently awarded the Robbins Library \$11,895 in federal Library Services and Construction Act funds to aid the library in its provision of services to the aging.

During the last year the library has implemented a series of programs to meet the needs of Arlington residents over 60 years of age. The federal grant will enable the library to expand existing services and purchase special materials and books.

## Mini Bond Plan To Be Revealed

Plans will be announced next week for the sale of municipal tax-free \$500 bonds.

Town Treasurer John Bilefer withheld \$345,000 from the recent high school construction bond issue so that it could be offered to residents in small denominations.

Details and ground rules for the sale will be announced in The Advocate next week. In addition, residents who filled out a coupon in the paper last summer indicating their interest in purchasing mini bonds will be notified by mail of the sale which is tentatively set for Jan. 31, then the following two days if necessary.

Bilefer says he is considering putting a limit on the total that can be purchased by one person in order to give more residents an opportunity to share in the bond issue which will yield a rate of 6.60 percent.

Several new programs were offered during the last year. To assist in planning and implementing these programs a Coordinator of Library Services to the Aging was employed through CETA.

The Fox-y Folks Senior Group meets weekly at the Fox Branch Library for a program of films, informational and cultural events. Among the programs offered were poetry readings by Denise Levitov, folk dancing, classical guitar, Middle East dancing, exercises, craft workshops and informational lectures on safety, assertiveness, energy conservation, senior rights, advocacy, art, health care and shopping wisely.

A book discussion group is held weekly at the main library. Trips to cultural, educational and historic places of interest are sponsored regularly; during the last year, residents visited the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Historic Concord and Walden Pond, the Boston Harbor Islands, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science.

Through the new shut-in service, an extensive effort has been made to reach those who because of extended illness, physical disability or age are unable to take advantage of library services. Books, magazines, cassettes, records and art prints are delivered by a staff member to the person's home.

Services to the nursing homes are also being expanded. In addition to providing a deposit collection of books and records, film programs are also being introduced. Small deposit collections of books have been established at the housing units for

the aging at Winslow Towers, Drake Village and Chestnut Manor.

The Library Services Construction Act Grant will enable the library to supplement its collection of large print books and periodicals. Large print materials are specifically designed for those with visual problems who have trouble reading regular size print.

For people with visual or physical handicaps, bookholders and hand magnifiers will also be available for loan on a rotating basis. A large print typewriter will enable the library to produce a list of large print holdings, other booklists and directories in large print. The typewriter will also be available to other town departments such as the Council on Aging.

To enable the library to offer more film programs at nursing homes, senior citizen housing units and meetings of the aging, the library will also purchase 8mm films, an 8mm projector and a 16mm projector. Cassette players and cassettes of music which would be of enjoyment to the aging will be available for loan to individuals.

Among the future projects planned by the library are continued expansion of services to shut-ins and nursing homes, a volunteer program to deliver materials to the shut-ins and nursing homes, expansion of services to those living in the housing units for the aging, informational programs designed to specifically meet the needs of older citizens, trips to museums, concerts and cultural events and the co-sponsoring of a salute to senior citizens week.



**VISIT** — Members of Cub Scout Pack 386 are ready to tour Symmes Hospital as part of their community activity project. From the left are Brian Bullock, Tommy Bagley, Owen Carrigan, David Donnadonian, Andy Carrigan, Scott Bullock and Paul Reksteiner with Kristine Tenney, in front, and den mothers Sue Tenney and Tish Bullock.

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## Future Is Debated

# Boards Speak For School Re-use

The Council On Aging, Conservation Commission and Park and Recreation Commission Monday night told the Redevelopment Board they'd have use for Cutter and Locke Schools if the schools, slated for closing in the next two years, were made available.

The chairman of the Council On Aging, Richard Lutus, said the council would like to use 8,000 square feet of Cutter School for offices and for a function room with a 200-person capacity.

Lutus said the offices would require 41 parking spaces, 100 if a function room was included in the facility. He said residents of Winslow Towers and other senior apartment buildings had resisted having even knitting gatherings in their buildings and that little space existed for senior functions.

Conservation Commission chairwoman Elsie Fiore told the Redevelopment Board her committee could use a classroom, conference table and a place to hang maps if the building became available for town use.

Fiore also cautioned that "you can bus a child to another school, but not to another playground."

"Pro-development people have to look at the human side as well," she said.

On a similar note, Bernice Jones of the Parks and Recreation said her department would like to use the school

grounds rather than give up open space for parking lots.

George Arena, who lives near Cutter, told the board that reuse of the schools could threaten neighborhood and town character. Using the buildings as apartments could disturb the neighborhood by bringing in a concentration of transient residents, he said.

Board member Edward T.M. Tsoi outlined four questions which he felt should be considered in organizing thought on the reuse issue.

Firstly, Tsoi said, is the question of open space. Ought it be preserved, he asked, and if so, as private or public open space? Or, he asked, was the land not valuable enough to preserve?

He said the second question was whether the property and new use should be tax yielding, and if they should, which uses would yield the most taxes.

Thirdly, he said, many uses could yield taxes, but some uses have a more positive influence on neighborhoods. He said possible uses were for housing, retail or office space or for a community facility. What would be best for abutters and others, he asked.

Finally, Tsoi said, is the question of whether the buildings should be saved.

"Are they in good enough shape, is there historic value, does their existence benefit the neighborhood and is the present layout amenable to the kind of

use we'd most like to see," he asked.

Planning Director Alan McClennen said the Mystic Valley Mental Health Center had indicated it might need the space in five years, and if it had a choice would take Locke.

On the whole, said McClennen, there didn't appear to be any overriding needs for space from town agencies. There was no agency that could use the space for

services not already satisfied, he said.

McLennen said an architect and engineer are reviewing redevelopment plans for both buildings and will be poking holes in the school walls and ceilings to make structural plans of the buildings, probably by Jan. 23.

Board member Philip J. McCarthy told Selectman William Grannan at the meeting that town boards would be looking for a policy on the school reuse matter from the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

"There's been some talk the town character may change," added McCarthy. "There's also been talk it should," he said, noting that the town commercial tax base was small.

McCarthy also noted that because one of the most frequent reuses of schools is

for senior housing, he would like to hear what the Arlington Housing Authority policy toward the buildings was. An AHA representative told McCarthy the authority wanted to build 80 units, but that beyond that he didn't know AHA intentions.

## Wetherbee Photos Are On Exhibit At Fox Library

The photographs of Arlington resident Neil Wetherbee are on display at the Fox Branch Library during the month of January.

Wetherbee, president of the Arlington Art Association, took up photography

only 10 years ago. Most of his work consists of New England sunrises, sunsets, seascapes and landscapes.

He has done some portrait work in the past, and sometimes covers conventions for various companies but "pictorial" is his favorite. Greeting card companies have used many of his photographs.

The focal point of the exhibit at Fox is a photograph of an ice-covered fence in the country for which Wetherbee won first prize in the 1973 Boston Globe Photo contest.

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